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SUBJECT: ADVANCE IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS ON SCRAP

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1. INFO RE IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS FOR IRON AND STEEL SCRAP AND COPPER AND BRASS SCRAP REQUESTED REF A AS FOLLOWS:

TWO PROCEDURAL CHANGES REGARDING IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS IN GENERAL INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 1975, AS EXPLAINED REF B. WITH REGARD INTRODUCTION AUTOMATIC 90 DAY HOLDING PERIOD FOR DEPOSIT, IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT 90 DAY RULE LIKELY HAVE ONLY MINIMAL IMPACT ON FINANCING COSTS FOR SCRAP IMPORTS FROM U.S. SINCE AVERAGE PERIOD BETWEEN OBTAINING IMPORT LICENSE (AND OPENING OF L/C) AND SETTLEMENT IS APPARENTLY IN EXCESS OF TWO MONTHS.

2. SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE FOR IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS FOR IRON AND STEEL SCRAP AND COPPER AND BRASS SCRAP VARY ACCORDING TO PURPOSE OF IMPORT AND TYPE OF FINANCING INVOLVED. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL, GENERALLY SMALL CHANGES, IN RECENT MONTHS. UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES REQUIREMENTS PRIOR RECENT CHANGES, CURRENT

REQUIREMENTS AND DATES OF RECENT CHANGES.

PREVIOUS CURRENT DATE OF

L/C IMPORTS (AT SIGHT) RATE RATE CHANGE

(PERCENT) (PERCENT)

IRON & STEEL SCRAP COPPER & BRASS SCRAP

1. IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL

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2. IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL

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3. OTHERS 110 1P -

L/C IMPORTS (USANCE)

IRON & STEEL SCRAP 5 5 -

COPPER & BRASS SCRAP 20 -

IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIAL

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NON-L/C IMPORTS (D/A)

IRON & STEEL SCRAP 0 5 1/8/75

COPPER & BRASS SCRAP 20 -

IMPORT OF RAW MATERIAL 15 0 1/11/75

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NON-L/C IMPORTS (D/P)

IRON & STEEL SCRAP 60 110 1/24/75

COPPER & BRASS SCRAP 60 110 1/24/75

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IMPORT OF RAW MATERIAL 10 15 1/24/75

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 $1/\,$ IN ADDITION CHANGES SHOWN RATE WAS 10 PERCENT; REDUCED TO 5 PERCENT SHORTLY BEFORE DEC. 7 DEVALUATION; AND THEN RAISED TO 15 PERCENT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEVALUATION.

- 3. ALL KOREAN IMPORTERS EQUALLY SUBJECT TO DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS, BUT FOLLOWING TYPES OF IMPORTS ARE EXEMPT FROM PRIOR DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT:
- (1) IMPORTS IN WHICH THE VALUE IS SETTLED UPON NEGOTIATION OF DRAFTS DRAWN UNDER LETTERS OF CREDIT OPENED BY FOREIGN BANKING INSTITUTIONS;
- (2) IMPORTS OF FERTILIZER OR GRAIN BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST PROMISSORY NOTES, ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE FEDERATION AND EXPRESSED IN FOREIGN CURRENCY;
- (3) IMPORTS FINANCED WITH FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS;
- (4) IMPORTS WITH CREDIT GRANTED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR INTERNATIONAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS;
- (5) IMPORTS WITH SPECIAL JAPANESE AID FUNDS (PAC);
- (6) IMPORTS SPECIFIED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE. SNEIDER

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